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March 7, 1996

Mr. M. Michael Owens
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Re: Approval of Surety Bond Reduction Request, Sunshine Mining Company, Apex/Burgin/Trixie Mines, M/049/009, Utah County, Utah

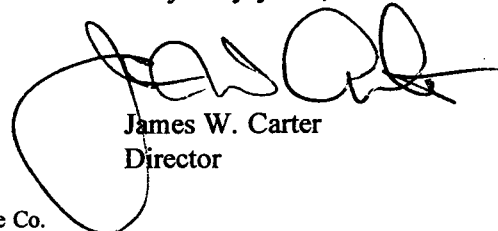
Dear Mr. Owens:

Thank you for your telephone call earlier this week wherein you requested information regarding the status of your August 18, 1995, surety bond reduction request. As Mr. Hedberg indicated to you over the phone, he did not recall seeing your written request. A subsequent review of Sunshine's mine file indicated we received your request on August 21, 1995. It is unknown why your request was not processed. I wish to extend our sincere apology for this oversight and hope to rectify this matter by means of this letter.

As outlined in our August 8, 1995 letter to you, South Standard Mining Company has filed a \$39,800 replacement bond for reclamation of the Trixie Mine site which they have assumed continued responsibility for. Chief Consolidated Mining Company has not filed a replacement bond, permit transfer form, and/or a new permit application for the remaining Apex and Burgin mine properties. This would allow us to release the remaining amount of surety posted by Sunshine for this project. Accordingly, the Division hereby authorizes your surety, Aetna Casualty Insurance Company, to reduce the existing \$737,000 reclamation surety bond (I.D.# ~~20010049009~~) amount by \$39,800. This is usually accomplished by the issuance of a rider to the existing surety.

Again, please accept our apology for the unforeseen delay in processing your request. I hope it has not caused you any significant inconvenience. Please contact me, Wayne Hedberg or Tony Gallegos of my staff, if you have further questions or concerns in this regard.

Very truly yours,



James W. Carter
Director

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cc: Teresa Bearden, Aetna Casualty Insurance Co.
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